

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 8-10 and 14-16 are amended to remove "means" language and for form, and claims 1-7 and 11-13 are canceled. Thus, claims 8-10 and 14-16 are pending. Support for the amendments may be found in at least paragraph [0030] of the specification. No new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

I. Acknowledgment of Priority

The Office Action fails to acknowledge Applicants' claim for priority under §119. The certified copy of Applicants' foreign priority application was received by the Patent Office on August 21, 2006, and is in the IFW. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that Applicants' claim for priority under §119 be acknowledged in the next action.

II. Office Action Failed to Consider the Pending Claims

The Office Action alleges that claims 1-17 were pending at the time that the Office Action was issued. However, claims 1 and 4-16 were amended and claim 17 was canceled by and Article 34 Amendment during the international phase of this PCT application. *See* the Annexes to the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP) (a copy of which was filed in the present application on August 21, 2006, and is present in the IFW). Furthermore, claims 4-6 were again amended in a Preliminary Amendment filed on August 21, 2006, which is also present in the IFW.

From the quoted language of the claims in the body of the Office Action, it is clear that the Office Action rejected the claims of the original PCT application and did not consider either of the Annexes to the IPRP or the Preliminary Amendment. Thus, the claims addressed in this Office Action were not the pending claims at the time the Office Action was issued. The outstanding rejections are thus moot.

In the interest of advancing prosecution, Applicants address the outstanding rejections below as best as possible with respect to the pending claims.

III. 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite. This rejection is mooted by the amendment to claims 8-10 and 14-16 and cancellation of claims 1-7 and 11-13. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

IV. 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-7 and 9-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0046402 (Ooi) in view of JP-A-2002-078033 (Kobayashi) and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0107475 (Bautista).¹ Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection with respect to pending claims 8-10 and 14-16.

Ooi, Kobayashi, and Bautista, either alone or in combination fail to disclose a navigation module that (1) determines whether the wake-up mode is due to the ignition signal or due to the activation signal, and (2) acquires its own IP address when it is determined that the wake-up mode is due to the activation signal, generates a mail that contains this acquired IP address, and sends this mail to the external terminal that sent the activation signal by using the mail address of the external terminal, as recited in claims 8 and 14. Thus, claims 8 and 14 are patentable over Ooi, Kobayashi, and Bautista. Further, claims 9, 10, 15, and 16 are patentable for at least the same reasons, as well as for the additional features they recite. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

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In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Applicants earnestly solicit favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

¹ The Office Action purports to reject claims 1-16; however, the Office Action actually addresses claims 1-7 and 9-17.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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